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TAGS: PFOR, PE, PN, BL

SUBJECT: PANAMA'S TORRIJOS STOPS OVER IN LIMA

1. PANAMA'S CHIEF OF STATE OMAR TORRIJOS ARRIVED IN LIMA ON OCTOBER 16 FOR AN OVERNIGHT STAY ENROUTE TO BOLIVIA. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, HIS DISCUSSIONS, DESCRIBED AS LENGTHY, WITH PRESIDENT MORALES BERMUDEZ CENTERED ON THE CANAL ISSUE. TORRIJOS ALSO EXTENDED MORALES BERMUDEZ AN INVITATION TO VISIT PANAMA NEXT JUNE FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMPHICTYONIC CONGRESS.

2. AT THE AIRPORT AWAITING TORRIJOS' ARRIVAL, FONMIN DE LA FLOR TOLD REPORTERS, "IT WAS PERU WHICH SUPPORTED PANAMA IN THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL IN 1973, WHEN THE CANAL ISSUE WAS FIRST BROUGHT TO INTERNATIONAL ATTENTION." HE ALSO SAID, "TORRIJOS IS WELL-KNOWN AND LOVED HERE IN PERU AND YOU ALL KNOW (PERU'S) POSITION WITH RESPECT TO PANAMA'S RECOVERY OF SOVEREIGNTY IN THE CANAL ZONE."

3. BESIDES DE LA FLOR, PRIME MINISTER VARGAS PRIETO AND COMMERCE MINISTER ARIAS GRAZIANI GREETED TORRIJOS AT THE AIRPORT. HE WAS ALSO MET BY BOLIVIA'S AMBASSADOR JULIO SANJINEZ. TORRIJOS' OFFICIAL PARTY INCLUDED MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE FERNANDO MANFREDO, FONMIN CARLOS OSORES, AND UNCLASSIFIED

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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF REPRESENTATIVES PRESIDENT DARIO GONZALES PITY.

4. FONOFF SOURCES TELL US THAT A COMMUNIQUE TO BE PUBLISHED  
OCTOBER 25 WILL MENTION MORALES BERMUDEZ' ACCEPTANCE OF THE  
TORRIJOS INVITATION AND CONFIRM PERU'S SUPPORT FOR PANAMA ON  
THE CANAL ISSUE.

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